



## AUXILIARY NEWS & REVIEW

Exclusive to the Department of Indiana AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary



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Hello Ladies! Again, Congratulations on all the newly elected and appointed State Officers. Looking forward to a great year, with a great team! I've been busy, busy busy, but loving it!. I've already participated at a few events and visits since election. First stop - West Harrison Post #13 Hosting a Honor & Remember Flag Presentation to 3 Vietnam Gold Star Families from that area. These 3 fallen, are Baker, Mathias and Pie, are also the namesake of this Post. Not a dry eye on this hot sunny day, especially once the Bag Pipers start playing Amazing Grace, gets me every time. Aside from that, there were some excellent guests speaks, many of whom were from gold star family members. I personally had the opportunity to meet the gold star families and listened as they shared their personal stories. Not an easy thing to do. I got a better understanding why our PDP Robin's consistent dedication to this cause is so important to her.

Immediately following the ceremony was a great luncheon prepared by volunteers and joint camaraderie with fellow AMVET Family and the Gold Star Families My next stop was a visit to Auxiliary #102 - Fowler to present them with their Membership Award Plaque -of 133% increase in Category 1.

These ladies are very dedicated within their small community with fundraising and more. We discussed about SEC conferences and the importance of attending them. Hope we see these terrific ladies at these meetings.

Most recent was working at the Dept Auxiliary Car Show hosted by the Pendleton Post #26 - Kudos to Carol Riley on her car show expertise in getting this off the ground. I believe we did very well for our "First" and it certainly was a fun and exciting experience for all involved. Carol, made her infamous biscuits and gravy - which sold out very quickly. We also had. Coney Dogs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips, water and pop. Raffles and a 50/50. I want to thank the Sons of AMVETS #26, especially sons Commander Troy Jones and his team in setting up the grounds for this event and cooking on the grill.

It takes many volunteer hands to make a successful fundraiser as large as this one. Thanks to Department Officers, PDP's, PNP's for their continuous dedication and support who helped with raffle and 50/50 ticket sales, working the registration table, taking in money and serving food. And much, much more.

Need to thank Local Auxiliaries who sponsored Award Trophies and of course Members who gave monetary donations and raffle items, which helped tremendously to offset expenses.

Then there was "Rockin Robin",

a/k/a our very own PDP, coming out of DJ retirement volunteering her time playing some great "oldies". Perfect setting for a Car Show. Vendors and Guests alike complimented on her song selections. Good time.

**My President's Project** will be the **Honor Flights of Indiana**. There are 4 Hubs throughout our State. If locals need some ideas or have ideas on how to raise funds for this project - please let's share them at our meetings. Attached will be a page on what, where, and why this Project is so important - giving back to our Veterans is what this mainly is about. Pam Mow, President of the Gold Star Mothers and Director of the Lafayette-Purdue Honor Flight has been my mentor regarding these events. Pam has been invited to give her presentation about the Honor Flights at our Winter Conference.

God Bless America  
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**MEMBERSHIP**

Madam President, brothers and sisters in AMVETS, Congratulations to all the new officers. PDP Robin Starrett, thank you for two great years!!



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I thank you all again for the opportunity to serve as the First Vice of the Department of Indiana. I look forward to working closely with our incoming Department President, Deb Gass and assisting her wherever needed. I also look forward to working closely with our Department Secretary, Carol Riley as well as with all the department officers. Most importantly, I look forward to continuing to be of service to our Veterans and the community in which I live.

Please remember that there is power in numbers. Membership is the most important program of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP provided the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary with:

- The potential to be effective in legislative.
- The ability to be heard on issues important to veterans and their families.
- The potential to gain recognition in the media.
- The ability to gain publicity for our programs.
- Volunteers for our service programs
- Membership = volunteers and volunteers = service.
- The financial resources to carry out our Service Programs and to develop new ones as the need arises.

It is important that the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary conduct a vigorous membership program to:

- 1 Secure new members
- 2 Maintain renewals

- 3 Bring back members who have dropped of the Auxiliary. Which I am here to assist in anyway...

**MEMBERSHIP** is vital on all levels of our organization, but it is **IMPORTANT** to remember that the key person in any membership program is the Local Membership Chairman. She is **CRUCIAL** to the success of the program.

Thank you and much love,  
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**Child Welfare**  
*Impacting the future of a child*

Hello Amvets Ladies Auxiliaries, Thanks so much for your confidence in me, the Child Welfare duties of a 2nd Vice are near and dear to my heart as I support children in various capacities in my career and personal life. I look forward to raising money for our National Child Welfare project, John Tracey Clinic, and hope you are willing to be a part of The fundraising efforts, If you like to be creative and have fun please join us for the fall conference to learn more about how you can support children across the great state of Indiana.

My theme for this year is "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin. I can't wait to see who is doing what for our children throughout the state. You may send your child welfare reports to me via snail mail or my e-mail, both are listed below with my cell phone number in case you have any questions.

My Dad often told me when I was young, "If you're going to do a job, do it right or don't do it at all". Again thanks for your belief in me: I will do my best!

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(Yep, she does it all - Local Auxiliaries - please send your D&R Reports to Carol along with Membership Checks)

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### Treasurer Report

Madan President Deb, Officers and Ladies

Thank you for letting me be your Treasurer for another year. The Car Show was a great day I will give a report at Fall Conference.

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Hi  
My name is Lois I'm your new Americanism Officer. We own a tax service so I'm only working 1 day a week for the summer. I'm the president of Amvets Aux. #2 at this time. Thank you for putting your trust in me by electing me to this position.

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Great Convention! Congratulations to our new Madam President Deb Gass and all newly elected officers! My theme this year will be " Believe to Achieve" ! Please all local Scholarship Officers I need your addresses! Please feel free to contact me at anytime! If we all pull together we can make this a great year!

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Hello ladies my name is Coralisa aka COCO. I want to thank everyone for their support. I welcome all help and suggestions to help me succeed in my job.

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Greetings - thank you for entrusting me to be your Department Chaplain again this year. Please mail Auxiliary Member Death Notifications to me As soon as possible so that I can forward it onto National Chaplain. At that time, I send that time, I send the family a sympathy card.

God Bless You.  
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Dear Madam President and members of the Auxiliary, I would like to start by saying thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as hospital chairman for the year of 17-18. My name is Amanda Orman I have been a member of amvets for 8 years and have served as local president for auxiliary 61 for the past 3 years. I have a family



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full of military members. Both my grandfathers served in the army as well as my father and my brother. I was raised an army brat and became an Air Force wife. The military is all I have known my whole life.

This opportunity will hopefully be a great start to a long journey of serving as a state officer.

My project for the year is Saint Jude hospital. I will be taking up donations at winter conference for this project.

I'm so excited for this year I hope to see everyone for training at the fall conference.

Thank you again!  
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The PRO (Public Relations Officer) for the Department of Indiana AmVets Auxiliary duties include;

Managing all Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website) to promote and encourage all members to share information related to their Posts or activities for Veterans.

The PRO is also responsible to speak on behalf of the Department should there be a disaster, only providing pertinent information provide by the Department President and Staff. She also provide Press Releases and electronic advertisements for events held by Posts in the State.

As Historian, the PRO is responsible to gather information and photographs of activities in the State, in order to create a legacy for the future generations to follow. Also to create an annual book showing specific activities of the Department President and elected officers.

In short, the PRO takes care of all technology for the Ladies, and looks for contributions from all members in order to make her job

easier and to complete the task of gathering information from around the entire state.

Kandi Jaeger  
*PRO/Historian*  
*Department of Indiana-AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary*  
*President Ladies Auxiliary #13*  
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Dear Madam President and Auxiliary Members. My name is Cathy Fishero and I hold the office of department parliamentarian. My duties include making available the policy and procedures of the department.

I am retired and can be reached most anytime. I have copies of all local auxiliary by-laws and if you need a copy please let me know.

Thank you Robin Starrett for two very successful years. And also to Deb Gass for being our Department President for 2017-2018.

Let's work together and make this another banner year for Indiana.

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### NEC

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I'm in my second year of a two (2) year term as NEC (National Executive Committeewoman). I've been an Auxiliary Life member since 1995. I was Department President 2003-2004. My Commander was my Husband William "Ozzie" Osborne. If you have any questions at anytime please fell free to call upon me. Thank you to all the out-going officers and welcome to the new officers for 2017-2018.

Bring your money for shirts and raffle books to the IVH (Indiana Veterans Home) picnic July 16, 2017.

See you there!



Hello Ladies,  
It was great seeing you all at State Convention!

I am the Nominating Chair Person for the Department this year. I will be looking for people to run for Department Offices for the year 2018-2019. I will be encouraging and talking with you ladies throughout the year, so start thinking about what office you

would like to run for!! Hope to see you at the Conferences! If you have any questions about any of the offices just give me a call or email me.

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(As immediate PDP

Robin is also the Auxiliary's  
Liaison Officer)



*(Dawn has taken ill and is waiting to have surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a healthy and speedy recovery)*

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“Training Officer”

Greetings:  
Madam President, Department  
Officers, Past Department  
Officers, Local Officers and all

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary  
Members & Guest.

First Of all I wish to extend a congratulations to Deb Gass, our newly elected Department Of Indiana ladies Auxiliary President for and to all of her newly elected Department officers.

I would like to introduce myself, I am Sandra Hawkins your Newly Appointed Ladies Auxiliary Sergeant At Arms Training Officer.

I am an Auxiliary Life Member at #2000. Bloomington since 1999. On the local level, I served as President, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Sergeant At Arms, Americanism officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, & Past Charity Gaming Chairman.

At the Department level, I served 2 years as Sergeant At Arms, and assisted as a Page for at the Department Level , and also four times at our National Convention.

Those of you who already know me, know how much I really loved being Sergeant At Arms, and I took that position very seriously, and was very proud and honored to hold that position.

I will do my best to provide training and guidance for the new Dept Sgt.At Arms as well as any Local Sergeant At Arms Officers. (Please ask your Local Sergeant At Arms to attend Fall Conference for my first training session.)

Over the next year; I will provide assistance to the newly elected Sergeant At Arms, as well as all members who might have



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aspirations of running for this position in the future. I will review the roles and responsibilities of the Office, and the guidelines, protocols, and procedures for organizing and setting up the meeting rooms in the proper order. This is including the displaying and retiring of our National Flag, Department Colors & the Honor Flag, assuring there is refreshments (water) available, check for proper room temperature settings. I will provide assistance for starting the meetings on time, how to maintain and keep order during meetings, an how to organize and distribute reports before the meeting begins, so that everyone can stay focused during the meetings.

You will also be responsible for safe storage of the Department colors, meeting equipment supplies, and the maintenance of those items. An inspection will take place in regards to the condition of the colors, equipment etc., if replacement or cleaning is needed.

I will provide details on the official AMVETS Auxiliary uniform, and where to order items from. In closing of this newsletter I hope to provide helpful information that you can use to make your experience as rewarding and honorable as it was for me. Have a Great Year See You at Fall Conference.

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### JUNIOR AMVETS

Hello Ladies,  
My name is Amanda Norris and I am looking forward to serving as your State Junior coordinator. I served as Junior Coordinator at my local post for 6 years and brought many things to them such as their POW/MIA balloon release. I am excited to visit other posts and give them the information and guidance to get the Junior AMVETS back up and running for the state of Indiana. If any of your posts would like information I will be glad to visit with you and help get you started.

Thank you!  
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### PDP

Gaveliers are Past Department Presidents - the Chair person usually is the prior to the most recent President (in this case it was Robin Starrett) Gaveliers are mentors to all auxiliary members. Feel free to contact them .

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### Grievance Committee:

Cathy Fishero - ex-officio #23  
Dawn Dennie #6  
Jane Ross #33  
Linda Cramblett #99



### IMPORTANT DATES State SEC & Convention

**2017**

**Wyndham Hotel**  
Fall 2017 Conference  
Sept 22, 23, 24th

**Lexington Hotel**  
Winter 2017 Conference  
Dec, 1, 2, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**2018**

**2018 SEC & State Convention  
Held at the Wyndham**

Spring 2018 Conference



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March, 16, 17, 18th

State Convention  
June 1, 2, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fall 2018 SEC Conference  
Sept, 28, 29, 30<sup>th</sup>

Winter 2018 Conference  
Dec. 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **OTHER DATES:**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> IVH Picnic -**  
West Lafayette - 11an We will  
need help escorting residents to  
picnic area, arrive about 10 a.m.  
Request to bring cookies for  
desert - store bought is fine,  
doesn't have to be sugar free.  
Informal Auxiliary Meeting will  
follow immediately afterwards.

**August 6 - 13<sup>th</sup> 73<sup>rd</sup> National  
Convention - Norfolk VA - go**  
the Auxiliary National Website  
for information - please read the  
NEC/Convention Digest for  
details.

**Thurs, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dept Officers Newsletter due**  
**to me on this date.**

**Saturday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
IVH Fish Fry - 11a.m.  
Info same as picnic except no  
meeting afterwards.

**National Dates 2018**  
**Per Joe Chenelly :**  
**Storm on 3/8/18**  
**Silver Helmet : 3/9/18**  
**NEC 3/10/18**

### **HOTEL ADDRESSES**

**Wyndham Hotel**  
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**Indianapolis, IN**  
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**Lexington Hotel**  
**2500 S High School Rd.**  
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held immediately  
afterwards. All Aux  
members can attend.

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**IVH Fish Fry - West**  
**Lafayette - starts 11 a.m**  
Same info as picnic, but no  
meeting afterwards.  
**HAVE A GREAT**  
**SUMMER!**